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## REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the above-identified patent application on August 30, 2006. Applicants have not yet received back from the Examiner a copy of the Form PTO-1449 initialed to acknowledge the fact that the Examiner has considered the cited disclosed information.

The Examiner is requested to initial and return to the undersigned a copy of the subject Form PTO-1449 for each of these filings.

Should there be any questions concerning this communication, please telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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